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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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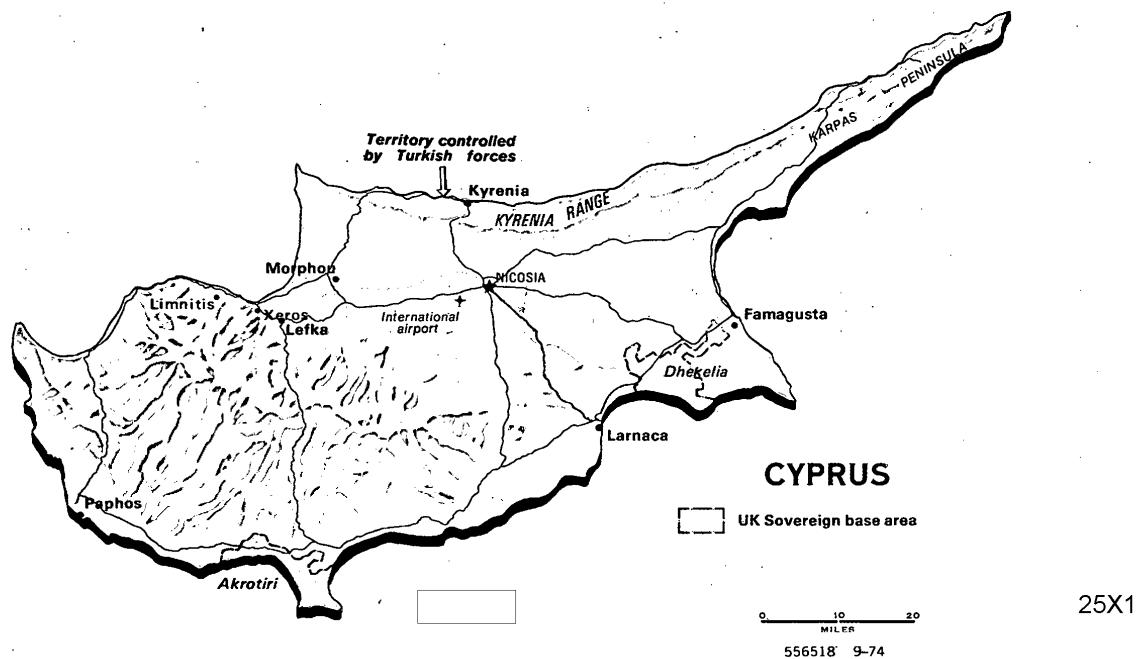


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CYPRUS

Turkish Cypriot leader Denktash yesterday postponed the second in a planned series of talks with acting President Clerides following the discovery of the bodies of massacred Turkish Cypriots outside a village near Famagusta. The two leaders reportedly will resume their talks on refugees and other humanitarian issues on Friday.

The Turks are likely to use the discovery of the bodies to press their claim that a Turkish military presence is necessary on Cyprus to protect Turkish Cypriots. The discovery probably will also add further urgency to efforts now under way to transfer all Turkish Cypriots to the occupied area of the island.

Acting President Clerides told the US ambassador last Friday that he had some indication that Greek Prime Minister Karamanlis might drop his insistence on a Turkish military pullback as a condition for resuming negotiations. Clerides said that, for his part, he would soon run out of purely humanitarian issues to discuss with Denktash in their planned weekly meetings.

Clerides also expressed his concern over the possibility of fighting between Greek Cypriot extremist groups. In an effort to avoid such a development, the National Guard is starting a program to disarm the EOKA-B and other extremist groups of both right and left.

In Athens, the Greek government has decided to cancel, "due to the crisis," a US amphibious landing exercise scheduled to begin this week. The government indicated that another exercise scheduled for November might still be permitted.

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Turkish forces continued to inch forward over the weekend from the cease-fire lines. On the northwest coast the Turks reportedly advanced about one and a quarter miles west of the cease-fire line between Xeros and Limnitis. They are patrolling in villages immediately outside the British base at Dhekelia, thereby producing a new wave of Greek Cypriot refugees entering the British base.

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NOTE

Cambodia: There is speculation in Phnom Penh that Brigadier General Lon Non, President Lon Nol's troublemaking younger brother, may be about to return. Lon Non, who was pressured into leaving Cambodia last year after his political maneuvering had antagonized much of the Cambodian political leadership, declined an appointment last month to the Cambodian embassy in Paris.

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[redacted] Lon Non is such a controversial figure that his very presence in Phnom Penh would cause political tension to rise.

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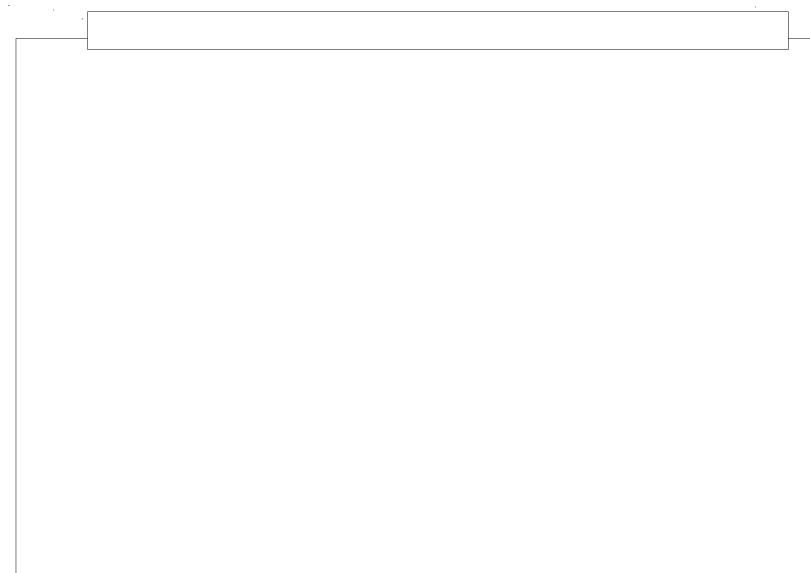


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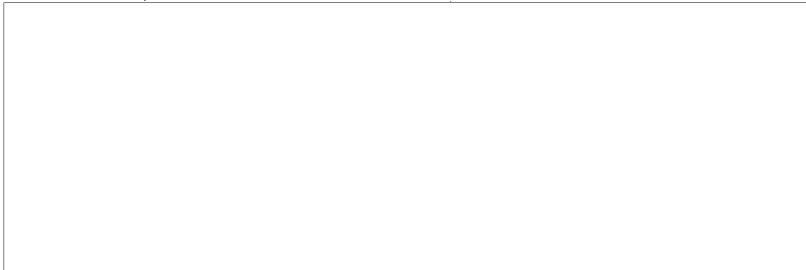
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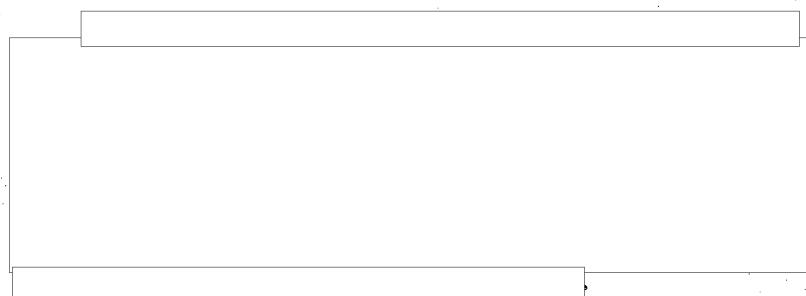
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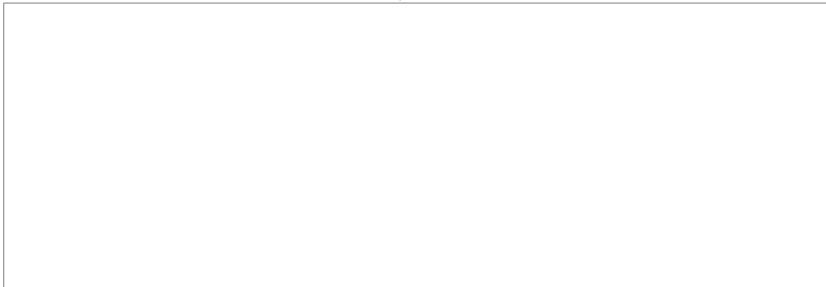
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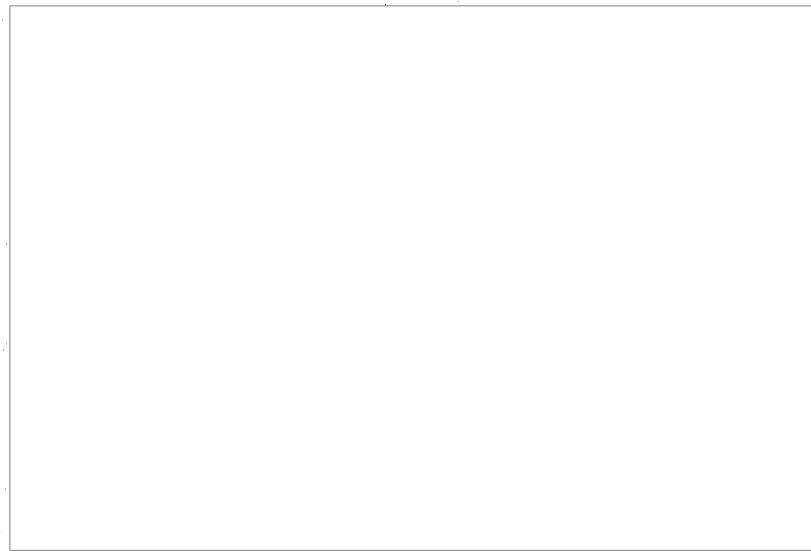
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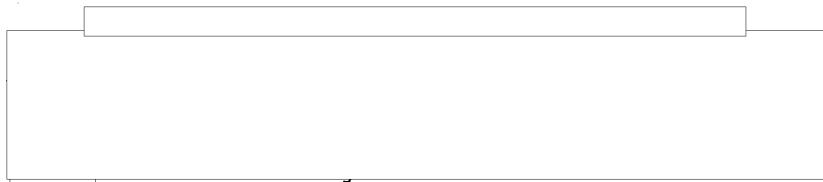
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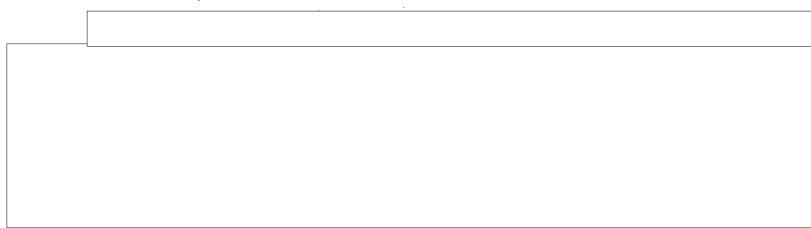
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